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THE REE'S LEGISLATIVE REPORTS. Full, accurate and critical reports of the proceedings of the legislature will appear in the columns of The Bee from day to day. All questions and measures will be discussed and treated from the standpoint of the material welfare of the state and for the promotion of good government. The Bee will commend what it believes worthy of praise and condemn what it believes to be detrimental to the public good. It goes without saying that The Bee will print all the news worth reading and proposes to keep its patrons advised of every movement at the state capital inside and outside of the halls of legislation. In procuring the news and all the news The Bee will spare no expense. It will not be confined to one wire, but will have the use of as many wires as the telegraph companies can place at its command in any emergency.

The anticipated senatorial contest has been declared off.

The man who has "sworn off" is just now very much in evidence.

The Barrett Scott tragedy is developing into a dreadful mystery.

Nebraska changes rulers today. king is dead; long live the king!

It is the year 1895, but people will keep right on dating their letters 1894.

Charley Mosher's name will be missing on the new bond of State Treasnrer Bartley

No one else can point to a New Year's gift similar to that received by John M. Thurston. It is at once invaluable and

not be used as an oil room during the Judge Scott ought to be satisfied with

the vindication received from his fellow judges and send his resignation to the governor without further delay.

Now that all the provisions of the new tariff are in force there is no longer any excuse for further delay in sending on those promised good times.

Omaha has now a new chief of its fire department. She expects a great deal from him and hopes sincerely that she will have no cause for disappoint-

The United States senate makes up its own committees. The Nebraska senate has for several years past pursued the same policy, and it should continue to do so.

It is to be noted that several prominent leaders of the democratic party were conspicuous by their absence from President Cleveland's official New Year's reception.

Peter Schwenck for the State Board have the nerve to break all the commandments at a single bound.

go back for its rules to 1889 instead of tablished by national and state legislaadopting the rules of 1893 with such modifications as would suggest them- But Cunningham R. Scott has been a selves after mature consideration?

the legislature on relief legislation to this district he has repeatedly usurped expedite the enactment into law of the the powers vested in the other judges most feasible measure for alleviating of the district in violation of the rules distress in the drouth-stricken section would be in order.

The council committees should not be organized on the partisan basis, but with a view to the promotion of good government and in the interest of the taxpayers. The citizens of Omaha care very little whether the chairman of any committee is a republican or a democrat, but they want the assurance that a man is not a boodler.

Nebraska opened the new year by furnishing the sensation of the day in the Barrett Scott tragedy. One incident be more than an ample sufficiency. It the equity courts. will take an unlimited period of good behavior to wipe out the blot upon the reputation of her people as law-abiding usurper has tied the willing hands of The electors of Brooklyn gave a small and law-observing citizens.

cilities which the Associated press afplace in Chicago journalism.

Congress will resume work today.

In the house debate on the currency be reached next week. Among those cil? best informed as to the prevailing sentiment it is believed that it will not pass the house, but in the event of its adoption by that body it will certainly be defeated in the senate. There has been some talk about an appeal to the republicans to present a currency bill, but it is not probable that this will be done, nor is it likely that the republicans will voluntarily offer a measure of their own, preferring to leave the party in power to deal with this subject, as it did with the tariff, without republican help. It is said that the president has about given up hope of getting any adequate financial legislation from this congress, and there is talk of an extra session of the Fiftywas fourth congress, to be called early in the spring, to consider the currency question. So far as the republicans in congress are concerned, they will do nothing to force an extra sesison. but the exigencies of the treasury may necessitate it if nothing is done to relieve them at the present session. The situation is certainly such as to cause solicitude, and it is not at all surprising to learn that the continued excess of expenditures over the receipts of the government and the continued depletion .648,372 of the gold reserve are causing the administration great anxiety. The treasury gold is now down below \$90,000,000. and with no prospect of any material change for the better during the next few months another issue of bonds seems inevitable. So far the democrats in congress have shown their utter incapacity to deal with this prob lem, and there is no reason to expect months that remain of this congress.

that they will improve in the two The Nicaragua canal bill has th right of way in the senate and its consideration will be resumed, Senator Morgan, who has charge of it, having prepared a speech in reply to the opposition to the measure which it is understood he will deliver at once. The chairman of the committee on appropriations, Senator Cockerill, is said to be very anxious to push forward the urgent deficiency bill, which contains the appropriation for putting into effeet the income tax, and it is quite possible this may displace the canal bill. It is clearly indicated that the income tax appropriation will encounter vicorous and determined opposition. A

number of republican senators who are opposed to the tax on principle will antagonize the appropriation, more for the purpose, however, of explaining what they regard as the attitude of their party than to defeat action on the bill. The senate republicans did not discuss the income tax provision of the tariff bill when it was before that body, though with few exceptions they voted against it. They feel now that the time has come when it is due to themselves that the country should understand what their position is. On the democratic side the New York and New Jersey senators, with one or two others, are opposed to the tax and may vote against an appropriation to give The chahber in the state house set apart for the lieutenant governor will it effect, but these will be offset by republicans who will vote for the appropriation. It is not expected that the bill will be defeated, notwithstanding the announced determination of Senator Quay and one or two others to "talk it to death," but a protracted debate will precede final action on the

> Besides the appropriation bills, most of which have not been acted upon by the house, and none of which have been considered by the senate, there are several subjects of importance embraced in the program of this congress which it seems probable will not be reached. or at any rate acted upon. Indeed, it is very likely that nothing more will be done than to pass the appropriation

WHAT BECOMES OF SCOTT'S INJUNCTION? Under the rules established by the district court, in conformity with statutory provisions which prohibit one district judge from reversing any decision rendered by another district judge, the judges of this district were prohibited from adjudicating cases that had been passed upon by any one of their number. It is also the established rule of this district that the judge to whom the criminal docket is assigned shall of Transportation! Why not? Peter attend to criminal court business only. is just the kind of a man that would The rules established by courts for their own guidance are just as binding upon each individual judge as they are upon members of the bar practising before Why should the legislature of 1895 their courts, and as are the rules estures upon their members and officers. law unto himself ever since he has occupied the district bench. While act-A joint committee of both houses of ing as judge of the criminal division of which were lawfully established for his

guidance. appellate powers, was committed last lature of New York to provide for from the criminal bench into the equity effect. Governor Morton refers to this surpassed in volume the losses by dedistrict court, at their New Year's day ter for the government of the new city, session, have ordered that the case be Undoubtedly the subject will receive

Now, the question is, what becomes of work of creating a "Greater New York" spreading the title of a bill on a whole the injunction by which the judicial and will exert themselves to push it. the Board of Public Works, and thus majority against the proposition, as prevented the letting of the contract did those of a few of the smaller towns, One of the most successful evening for the Sherman avenue pavement to and it is possible that there may be newspapers in the country is the Chi- the lowest bidder? Judge Keysor had some opposition from these quarters cago Mail. Having all the news fa- already decided that the letting of the to legislation for giving effect to the contract was regular, and that the city popular will, but this will hardly be fords, paying careful attention to local and the property owners on Sherman so formidable as to seriously interfere affairs, and being always bright, spicy avenue were entitled to the benefits of with the necessary legislation, so that and clean, the Mail enjoys a large and the lowest bid. Now, inasmuch as the the creation of a great municipality, deserved popularity and a liberal meas- court has remanded the case brought having not less than 3,000,000 inhabure of prosperity. It occupies a firm before Scott to the equity court, and no itants, can safely be regarded as only district judge can, under the rules, re- a question of time. When that is ac-

Board of Public Works absolved from about 1,200,000 of London, bill will be continued, and it is ex- any further restraint in doing its duty | For more than ten years the second state for type-setting charges, but also pected that a vote on the measure will under the orders of the mayor and coun- greatest center of population in the in the quantity of paper consumed, be-

A PERN CIOUS PROPOSITION The anomalous condition of the nation's finances and the apparent helplessness of the present administration to devise and apply the remedy have naturally called forth a considerable number of ingenious propositions which their authors feel confident would, if adopted, restore the national currency to a normal condition. Of these propositions none that we have seen is quite so bold and self-assertive as that which has recently been advanced by Mr. Edward Atkinson of Boston. It is nothing less than that the moneyed men and bankers of the country should, without waiting for curative legislation of any kind, pursue a policy intended to so embarrass the secretary of the treasury as to force him to fund all the outstanding legal tender notes into bonds similar to those he has been issuing from time to time to replenish the gold reserve. He urges the bankers to ignore congress and the federal authorities, and taking the matter into their own hands to threaten the coun try with a suspension of gold treasury payments until their demands shall have been met Mr. Atkinson's idea, which, by th

way, has received the qualified approval of one or two newspapers of influence may be summarized thus: The greater part of the demand obligations of the government consist of \$356,000,000 of the legal tender notes of 1861 and approximately \$500,000,000 of notes is sued under the Bland and Sherman laws. Against the latter the treasury holds silver bullion or coined silver dollars purchased in accordance with the law. Against the legal tender notes the treasury is supposed to hold a gold reserve of \$100,000,000, but as the notes are reissued when redeemed this reserve is really at the mercy of the note holders. The notes can be reissued only in payment of the legitimate and authorized expenditures of the federal government. President Cleveland has, moreover, publicly expressed his determination to sell bonds as often and whenever the gold reserve approaches what he considers the danger point, If now the bankers will gather together the legal tender notes and present them repeatedly and constantly for redemption in gold they will force the continued issue of bonds until the whole \$356,000,000 in legal tender notes shall have been piled up in the treasury simply because the government has no legitimate object of expenditure through which their reissue can be effected. When that result shall have been obtained the bonded debt of the United States will have been increased by a sum not much less than \$500,000,000 and the currency will have been contracted to the extent of \$356,000,000.

"In the interval clearing house certification of the contract of th \$356,000,000 in legal tender notes shall "In the interval clearing house certificates, checks and other forms of cur- House of Lords will no doubt not feel rency which are not a legal tender, but which have often been used to a very great extent, will continue to serve their purpose wherever there is suf-

This is in point of fact a description in a slow and moderate way for a year their gold for bonds they have suboriginally in their possession. The banks have not even stopped here. Since the last issue of bonds, for which they announced their readiness to supply the necessary gold without calling upon the treasury for a single dollar. there have been between ten and twelve millions of gold withdrawn from the federal treasury by the redemption of greenbacks more than have been exported to other countries. Should his continue a new bond issue before the present congress adjourns would not be a very great surprise, if it is not indeed expected by those who are fortifying themselves with the treasury's gold. The trouble is that no such system was ever contemplated by the law. However desirable it may seem to some to retire the legal tender notes. the obliteration of \$356,000,000 of curwithout substituting anything for it year. would be a shock that the business of the country would with difficulty withstand. The cry is that the greenbacks go according to provision of law and

ficient call for them."

poses of the law. THE "GREATER NEW YORK." City, Brooklyn and a number of contiguous towns the question of consolidating these separate municipalities One of the most flagrant of these vio- into one, thereby creating the second case was reversed. The judges of the the power and duty of framing a char-

verse Judge Keysor, is not the injune- complished Paris will be left well betion practically dissolved, and is not the hind and the new city will come within

> and Canton shown in the tables of popu- braska to follow the example? lation of the world's foremost cities, has been a fiction due to the entirely arbitrary divisions between contiguous another eminent statesman about to municipalities. Now the United States be retired from congressional service that and New Yorksare to obtain credit for who expects to be provided for by the true size of the metropolis of the President Cleveland. It might not be new world. The area that will be em- a bad idea for the present democratic braced in the new municipality is congress to pass a law doubling the 317.77 square miles, within a radius number of federal appointive offices so of sixteen miles of the present New that there will be enough places to go York city hall. The limits of this around after the 4th day of March Greater New York will include, besides the city proper and the county of Kings, in which is the city of Brooklyn, the towns of Westchester, Flushing, Newtown and Jamaica, Long Island City and parts of the towns of East Chester, Pelham and Hempstead. There would thus be grouped under one administration what constitute at present three counties, parts of two counties, three cities, fifteen towns, parts of three towns and numerous villages. It is quite conceivable, in view of the rapid growth of American cities, that a city made up in this way might within a few decades rival the claims of London to the largest municipal popu-

lation in the world Whether this plan of consolidation will be to the benefit of the several communities which now have independent municipal government is perhaps a debatable question. It is possible that the sanitary and police as well as the economical interests of the great area concerned would be benefited by: concerned would be benefited, but a American spirit. ery great deal would depend upon the character of the city government. Certainly the people would gain nothing if they were subjected to such an administration of affairs as New York City has suffered from during the past twenty years, and this is a danger always to be apprehended. There will be a broader field in which to practice corruption, and there will be no lack of those willing to practice it. Nevertheless the making of the second city of the world is an interesting fact of the times, and its consummation is to

It was certainly exceptional that among the New Year's honors bestowed by the British government not one peerage is to be found. This is exthe law remains unchanged. The murdering defenseless prisoners. the lack of new additions to its membership, yet the mere refusal to create new peerages brings it no nearer its

end. Whenever it comes to any piece of of the precess which has been going on news of the first magnitude you can rest assured that The Bee has no rival in been used merely to preserve the gold by one of its reportorial staff, who left was spent the gossip papers of San Fran which the banks have been holding in Omaha within an hour after the first scandal mongers of Paris can attest. their vaults. Then by exchanging report of the work of the vigilantes had been flashed over the wires. The Ree's stantially funded the legal tender notes representative held the wires between Omaha and O'Neill for three hours last night and kept at his post until 2 o'clock in the morning. Further particulars will be published just as rapidly as authentic information reaches O'Neill from the sheriff and his posse, who are

in pursuit of the vigilantes. Mayor Bemis scores a good point in his insistence upon economy and retrenchment by the new city council. Every corporation and every individual is curtailing expenditures wherever possible. Of course there should be no unnecessary crippling of the public service by a penny wise and pound foolish policy, but every proposition for extravagant or uncalled for outlays of the public money must be frowned down from the start. Economy must be the watchword in every department rency by an extra-legal proceeding of local government during the coming

The keynote for the republican banquet: Nominate clean men for office and elevate the standard of the party must go. If they must go, which is so that it can truthfully boast of the not yet universally conceded, let them high character, unselfish devotion to over the principle and unbending integrity of not in violation of the intent and pur- its leaders and every man who holds suits a position of honor and trust. Do not worship strange idols, but keep on the straight and narrow path of true resubmitted to the voters of New York publicanism, as laid out by the founders of the party, and the party will be in-

vincible For embezzlements and defalcations the year which has just concluded was lations of the rules, as well as of the city of the world in point of popula- a record breaker. The aggregate ex spirit of the law, that prohibits one distion. The proposition carried, and it ceeds \$25,000,000, which is about \$10, trict judge from arrogating to himself will be one of the duties of the legis- 000,000 more than was stolen and misappropriated by the defaulters and emweek by Judge Scott when he stepped carrying the will of the people into bezzlers during the year 1893, which court and granted a restraining order matter in his inaugural address and falcation and embezzlement of any by which the decision of Judge Keysor suggests the creation of a commission single year since 1878. This is a most in the Sherman avenue paving contract of capable citizens to be charged with striking proof of the lamentable decline of business integrity in this country.

The legislature should inaugurate : taken away from Scott and remanded the early attention of the legislature, radical change in the printing of bills. of this kind in a year, however, will for hearing before one of the judges of for the people of New York City are There is no reason why the state should very anxious to have consummated the forever continue the same old form of page and printing two or three lines on

another page and then have the bill certified to as measuring two full pages This is not merely a cheat upon the world has been the group of munici- sides being very inconvenient in the palities, which practically constitute reading of the bills and in their filing. one city, signated at the mouth of the In other states the form and style of Hudson river. The greater size of congressional bills has been adopted as Paris and the close rivalry of Berlin a model. Is it not about time for Ne-

Congressman Springer of Illinois

The alacrity with which Governor Crounse accepted the resignation of force be not purified from top to bettom it is very sure that half the fruits of a tre-Judge Holcomb and the promptness with which he named his successor must have made cold shivers run down tention the backs of several gentlemen who were figuring on holding down a place on the district bench until the expiration of the original term.

Mr. Bryan got a large majority of the votes cast for popular choice of United States senator at the election last November, but that is all the satis faction that he will be able to secure Mr. Thurston got the votes of the members of the legislature, and it is legis lative votes that count.

> Nebraska and Her Poor. New York World

Will We Have an Extra Session? Presidents naturally dislike to call extra session a congress which is opposed to them in politics, but Mr. Cleveland may have to do this very thing next spring or summer. This congress, at any rate, will enact no financial legislation, however urgently it be demanded.

Better for All Concerned.

Indianapolis Journal.

It cannot be regarded as a misfortune that only 2,000 miles of railroad have been built in the United States the past year when it is considered that there are thousands of miles that cannot earn more than running expenses, leaving the money invested in construction a dead loss. If hereafter railroads are built with regard to their value as investments it will be better for all concerned. For branch lines and for the opening of new territory it looks as if the electric railway would soon take the place of the more expensive steam railroad.

The Remedy for Lynching.

California's Bonanza Kings. Chicago Post.

The death of ex-Senator Fair leaves Mackay the only survivor of the four famous owners of the Bonanza mines.

The rise of these men to splendid fortune was phenomenal in its day, although the east has furnished examples of sudden riches far exceeding theirs in the last few years. Fair was the best equipped of the quartet in the beginning. He was a civil engineer of uncommon ability. Mackay ran uncomn past. The gold which has been withdrawn from the treasury has for the
most part been exported, but it has

a solve and moderate way for a year
assured that The Bee has no rival in
these has no rival in
a boarding house. Flood and O'Brien were
saloon keepers. But once in business, all
four developed extraordinary business acumen. It is estimated that their mines
clusively in The Bee was transmitted yielded not less than \$200,000,000. How it

> Let Nebraska Care for Her Own. Norfolk Journal.

Norfolk Journal.

Nebraska is abundantiy able to take care of such of her own people as are in want as a result of the drouth and partial crop failure last summer. Such frantic appeals for aid as are being trumpeted all over the east can only result in irreparable injury to the state and should be stopped. The Journal cannot speak for other sections, but it knows that northeast Nebraska has enough and to spare and needs no aid, but must suffer along with the rest of the state because of the unwarranted and sensational appeals for charity that are being made. In the eyes of eastern people any part of Nebraska is all Nebraska, and they will naturally conclude from what they hear that the entire population of the state is on the verge of starvation. For the good name of Nebraska this extremely poor kind of advertising should be stopped.

The College Junketing Tour.

Chicago Record.

Chicago Record.

The presidents of the Indiana colleges would have done wisely to incorporate in their new rules regulating athletics another rule respecting the growing practice of sending college students out through the country on foot ball or glee club tours. The new regulations do, to a certain extent, tend to restrict exhibition games, but they offer no abatement of the abuse in general. Apparently it has yet to be brought home to the college professors that the custom of sending college students forth on foot ball and glee singing expeditions is both undignified and injurious.

Unless the abuse is done away with the time is coming when parents, on their own behalf, will come forward with a protest. It may be a good thing for a young man to take his interest away from his studies, put him in a sleeping car with, a number of his command on the process. to take his interest away from his studies, put him in a sleeping car with a number of his comrades and let him go traveling over the country to secure adulation and extensive advertising for his college.

But sober-minded people who know the results in individual cases will not be likely to think so.

THE NOW AND THEN.

Minneapolis Times The globe, like all the universe,
That fills the niche profound,
Whirls on, as endless cycles tick
Its high-appointed round.
The Must of need is laid on Man.
He meets it with a Will.
Their contact brings forth Fate; and Jack
"And Jill went up the hill!"

baseless fabrics of the air! Oh, baseless iteries of the air.
Oh, youth's enchanted lands!
What castles made of dreams are reared
On Fancy's shifting sands!
A while an Eden is the lot
Of every son and daughter
Eve gives unto the world. They went
"To fetch a pail of water."

What are we but the toys of Fate?

Dark courses in the sky,
Map out to Erudition's gaze,
Where suns lived but to die:
Volcances yawn and jibe at Man.
His mock's the earthquake's haughter.
Then "Jack fell down and broke his crown
And Jili came tumbling *fer."

Each heart some trace of Egypt has,
Where ruins, deserts, lie;
And o'er them all the Sphynx looms up
With its eternal Why;
Perhaps the hill the pair went up
Was a tank built by the town,
And, scared to d ath, they feared its banks
Might break ere they walked down.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.- Latest U.S. Gov't Report



THE LEXON INVESTIGATION.

Globe-Democrat: The Lexow inquiry is ended, for the time being at any rate, an epidemic of such investigations all over the country might be a good thing.

Philadelphia Times: The hopeful feature of the outlook is that the committee was patriotic enough to investigate honestly without partisan bias. This furnishes ground for the hope that an aroused public opinion will compel legislation as honest and non partisan as the investigation has been. building up the Cincinnati Commercial.

Philadelphia Record: When it is considered that this condition of things has existed for more than twenty years, and that it wou probably still be undisturbed but for the energy of one man, it may well be thought that the inhabitants of New York City care for little except their own individual comfort and profit. The source of the boss power is no longer a mystery; it lies in the truth of the old saw: "What's everybody's business is nobody's business."

Courier-Journal: The effects of this investigation will be felt more or less in every city in the union. It thus becomes an affair of national importance, and its influence building up a just public sentiment will powerful for many years to come. The o diminished interest, but if the whole police mendous victory for good government will be lost. And the top should first receive at-

New York Times: The adjournment of the vestigation that ought to make an epoch in the annals of this city. It will be the fault of the people of this city if it does not. The specific and tangible results thus far reached ported since 1878. It is a significant fact are not epoch making. They consist in the that outside of congress 629 attacks on the conviction of Captain Stephenson and the elevation of Mr. Goff to the recordership. These are really the only tangible results that have been attained. If no further re-sults have been attained than these, with all due respect to Mr. Goff and all due dis respect to Captain Stephenson, they will continue a lame and impotent conclusion to the work of the committee.

Chicago Herald: Last night, according to his announcement, John W. Goff ceased to be special counsel for the Lexow committee. The total non-political results of the Lexow investigation thus far-and probably it is closed-are one police captain named Stepheneight baskets of peaches, and the police cap-tain named Creedon kept on the force, who but swore at the time that he were ruined or smirched badly, and Special Counsel Goff, who was a poor attorney looking for clients six months ago, becomes judge of the recorder's court for a term of fourteen years, with a salary of \$14,000

Washington Star: Taken altogether, it is safe to say that the exposures made by the Lexow investigating committee in New York are the most disgraceful and discouraging that the whole history of municipal ruption can show. Where all is bad, and much of it very bad, as appears to be the truly, case with the police department of that city, it is a little difficult to indicate exact turpitude and criminality; but, judged by his own testimony alone, Inspecto Williams must be regarded as about the very worst of the lot. In short, it begins to look as though the biggest rascals on the force were promoted to the highest places, and that increased capacity for usefulness was exercised wholly in squeezing and protecting criminals, instead of bringing them to pun

THE LATE JOHN FITZGERALD.

Sioux City Journal: John Fitzgerald, whose leath occurred last Sunday in Lincoln, Neb., was a prominent figure in the development of came to Nebraska with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy road, which he through a large part of Iowa. He also built larger parts of the same road in Nebraska under contracts, and a number of branch ines and smaller roads. Mr. Fitzgerald was better known to the world as a prominent eader in the Irish National League of Amerca, of which he was president for two years He gave liberally of his time and his to the cause of his native country. He was a good example of what pluck and energy will accomplish for a poor boy in America, and his Irish friends will long hold his mem ory dear. Chicago Herald: John Fitzgerald,

passed away Sunday at his Nebraska home. like the late Eugene Kelly, was a typical American of foreign birth, in many respects the careers of the two men are alike. Each came from Ireland to this country, young and poor. Kelly entered trade, and built up from that exclusively. John Fitzgerald sought larger opportunities in a somewhat different way. He possessed much of the spirit of He opened up great farming areas. Without capital in the beginning, he knew how save money and how to invest it. Like Kelly, he retained for his native land an intense affection. He did not hesitate to engage in an attempt at revolution when hope appeared in that movement to a sanguine few, and he was willing to take the chances. In later life he upheld, like so many more who believed in the right of people to resort to revolution if necessary the land league movement, and was third president of the organization in this country. He was a man of rugged simplicity, scrupt honest, and of tireless vigor in his youth and prime.

PEOPLE AND THINGS

Governor Morrill of Kansas has appointed Miss Kate Adams as his private secretary.

According to Superintendent Byrnes of the York police, it is not fair to judge i

man by his subordinates It is reported Mr. Cleveland is preparing currency roast for congress. It will have a fly blister in every line Newspaper gossip has it that Colonel John

Since 1892 the trolley cars of Brooklyn have killed eighty-nine children. That crowds foot ball pretty close, The queen of Madagascar has sent an appeal to the United States to prevent from annexing her island. The fear now arises that she may come here to lecture Russell Harrison is living at Terre Haute. say, in a recent deal with the city council his chief supporters were democrats, while the republican members opposed him bitterly.

Mrs. Charles Fechter, widow of the celebrated actor, Charles Fechter, died in Paris last week, aged 75. She was his lawful His American wife French wife. Price, died about twelve years ago. Fechter himself died in 1879. Beatrice Harraden thinks that the women

of the United States have few things to complain of, and she admires their frankness, honesty, cleverness, and lack of affectation. She particularly "likes the way American girls behave about men."

According to the statistician of the Chicago Tribune, embezzlements in this country last year aggregated \$25,234,112, being 26 per cent greater than last year, and the largest re-ported since 1878. It is a significant fact currency were successful.

Washington's camping ground at Valley Forge will become a state park before long. The state of Pennsylvania has already purchased 217 acres and is negotiating for 250 extent as well as in historic and patriotic associations second to none in the country.

DAM UP THE GULCHES.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Having a large interest in Nebraska and its future success, I would like to state closed—are one police captain hands for three years, what I am doing in Boone county, which, I with \$1,000 fine for accepting a present of think, if followed by others, would be a great advantage to the state. About three confessed that he paid \$15,000 for his ap- years ago I constructed a large dirt dam across one of the guiches of my place which had paid nothing. A great many characters has furnished water for my own and my neighbors' cattle for two years. The water seems to keep pure and good. I believe if the farmers all over the state would dam up their gulches with a dirt dam higher than the sides of the gulch, the water, when reaching the top of the guleh, would overflow on the land. In this way a vast amount of water would be confined within the state, making thousands of little lakes. All this can be done very cheaply with horses and scrapers, requiring no material except the dirt, no expense outside of the labor, Your truly, SAMUEL W. ALLERTON.

PASSING PLEASANTRIES

Atchison Globe: An Atchison woman had driven her husband to drink by praying for

Texas Siftings: New Policeman—And where is your permit to peddle? Peddler— have a verbal permit. Policeman—Show to me.

Indianapolis Journal: Oklahoma Bill— How do you stand on the irrigation ques-tion? Dryneck Johnson—Till I fall down, Then they irrigated. Cleveland Plaindealer: Renewing a pledge is like renewing a note. It requires hustling all the time.

Truth: "I like your cheek." said the in-dignant maiden to the youth who kissed her. "And I like yours," said he, as he kissed

Philadelphia Herald: Jagwell-You can't get the truth out of a woma ask her how old she is. Wigwag—Oh, yes, you can, tells you it's none of your busing

Cincinnati Tribune: "Can't you recall the date of the paper you want?" asked the business manager of the Bugle. "No, I can't," said the gentleman from Plunkville. "All I remember is that it had something in it about Naveleen".

Philadelphia Record: "You have to use an axe on some undesirable acquaintances," says the Manayunk philosopher, "to make them understand that you desire to cut them."

Buffalo Courier: "I've always felt religiously inclined," remarked the oyster, as it disappeared down the minister's throat, "but I don't know that I ever had an idea that I would finally enter the clergy." Chicago Inter-Ocean: "So the doctor has ordered your wife to go south for her health?" "Yes." "Will the climate agree with her?" "Well, if it does it will be a good one."

Indianapolis Journal: "This wine," said the guest, "surely belongs in the category of the blessed."
"Delighted to hear it," said the hotel-keeper, rubbing his hands together.
"Yes, it belongs there, because blessed are the poor in spirit,' you know."

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But when the bill came,
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